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CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 58837 B) KINSHASA 2292 C) KINSHASA 1889 (NOTAL)

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1. AS FOLLOW-UP TO INFO REPORTED REF (A), ECON CUNSELOR

MET MARCH 25 WITH ZOLA, EX-PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR AND CURRENT HEAD OF ZAIRIAN COPPER MARKETING ORGANIZATION (SOZACOM), WHO WILL PROBABLY BE MEMBER OF GZO DELEGATION TO PREPARATORY CONFERENCE. ZOLA DID NOT PRETEND THAT ZAIRE HAS DEVELOPED POSITIONSON ALL OR EVEN MOST ITEMS RAISED REF (A), BUT HE DID LAY GREAT STRESS ON GOZ'S ROLE AS REPRESENTATIVE OTHER AFRICAN RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS. ZOLA SAID ZAIRE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER AFRICAN STATES THIS REGARD AND THAT GOZ WOULD HOLD INTER-MINISTERIAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS NEXT WEEK TO FINALIZE ZAIRIAN POSITION.

2. ZOLA POINTED OUT THAT BOTH INVITATION AND ZAIRE'S AGREEMENT ATTEND PREPCOM AS REPRESENTATIVE OF AFRICAN LDCS WERE UNDERTAKEN IN CONTEXT OF BROADENING BOTH PARTICIPATION AND DIALOGUE TO INCLUE NON-OL QUESTIONS AND LDC ACTORS. ZAIRE WOULD, THEREFORE, TAKE POSITION REFLECTING WISHES OF LDCS-- WHICH POSITION WOULD CALL FOR INCLUSION OF RAW MATERIALS ON AGENDA. ZOLA PREDICTED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS "LOGICAL" STANCE BY ZAIRE DID NOT MEAN THAT GOZ DELEGATION WOULD JOIN ALGERIA IN CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS. "WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE RAW MATERIALS QUESTIONS SWEEPED INTO CONFLICT BROUGHT ON BY OIL CRISIS. ON CONTRARY, TIME HAS COME FOR ATIONAL DISCUSSION OF EQUITABLE ALTERNATIVES TO CURRENT SYSTEM WHICH COULD LEAD TO STABILIZATION OF RAW MATERIAIS PRICES."

3. THUS, ONE LIKELY MEMBER OF ZIRIAN DELEGATION OUTLINES GOZ POSITION, BASIC THRUST OF WHICH GOES ALONG WITH ALGERIAN/OPEC DRIVE TO BROADEN TERMS OF REFERENCE-- YET IS POSITION WHICH WOULD ESCHEW DONFRNTATIONAL POSTUREING. TILL, WE QUESS THAT (A) MOBUTU'S PAST CALLS FOR ALLIANCE OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS, (B) MORE RECENT PROCLAMATION OF ARAB-AFRICAN SOLIDARITY AND (C) INCREASINGLY VOCIFEROUS CALL OF AFRICAN LDCS TO GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS OF IMPROVING TERMS OF TRADE WITH INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WILL AL COMBINE TO MEAN THAT ZAIRE REPRESENTATIVE WILL DELIVER AT LEAST ONE TUB-THUMPING SPEECH. WHETHER THEREAFTER  
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THYE CAN BE BROKEN OFF FROM ALGERIAN BANDWAGON REMAINS TO BE SEEN. WHILE IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THEY CAN, WE DON'T THINK IT IS HOPELESS EITHER. AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, ZAIRIAN PERFORMANCE WILL BE ESSENTIALLY A FUNCTION OF MOBUTU'S INSTRUCTIONS AND HE IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE UP HIS MIND UNTIL LAST MINUTE.  
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